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1. DURING HIS VISIT JUNE 9-11, JEAN PIERRE GOYER, CANADIAN MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE OUTLING THE CANADIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR CAMEROON DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS- 1978-1983. TOTALING 20 BILLION FCFA (APPROX \$82 MILLION-US, OR \$85 MILLION-CANADIAN), THE SOFT LOAN ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED ON STANDARD CANADIAN TERMS- 0 PERCENT INTEREST, 10 YEARS GRACE, 50 YEARS REPAYMENT. THIS ASSISTANCE TOTAL IS EQUAL TO ALL CANADIAN AID PROVIDED TO CAMEROON UP TO THIS TIME, AND MAKES CAMEROON ONE OF THE LARGEST CANADIAN AID RECIPIENTS IN AFRICA.

2. THE MINISTER ONLY SPENT ONE FULL WORKING DAY IN CAMEROON, BUT
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DURING HIS VISIT HE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR CANADIAN DOLLARS 9

MILLION TO DEVELOP LOCAL FISHING, MET WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO FOR ABOUT AN HOUR, AND WITH GURC MINISTERS IN WORKING GROUPS.

3. THE 85 MILLION CANADIAN DOLLAR ASSISTANCE ENVELOPE HAS BEEN KNOWN ABOUT FOR SOME TIME, BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL

ANNOUNCEMENT (REFAIR). LOCAL NEWSPAPERS QUOTED THE MINISTER AS SAYING THAT THE AID WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED ROUGHLY AS FOLLOWS: INFRASTRUCTURE- 65 PERCENT, RURAL DEVELOPMENT- 25 PERCENT, AND FORESTRY- 10 PERCENT. THE LOCAL CANADIAN AID DIRECTOR SUBSEQUENTLY STATED HOWEVER, THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS, BUT THAT INFRASTRUCTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT WERE THE TWO PRIMARY CATEGORIES FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE (FORESTRY IS INCLUDED IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT). HE ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS PROBABLE THAT MOST OF THE MONEY WOULD BE SPENT ON INFRASTRUCTURE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE LOCAL AID DIRECTOR DENIED ANY DECISION ON EXACT PERCENTAGES, THE FIGURES ARE PROBABLY CLOSE TO WHAT THE CANADIANS HAVE IN MIND AND MAY HAVE BEEN BASED ON COMMENTS MADE BY THE MINISTER TO A REPORTER. THE CANADIANS FEEL COMMITTED TO SPENDING THE TOTAL WITHIN THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD AND ARE LOOKING FOR GOOD PROJECTS. CONCERNING INFRASTRUCTURE, THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE (OR ARE PARTICIPATING) IN RAILROAD, PORT EXPANSION, AND EQUIPMENT (ROAD BUILDING ETC.) PROJECTS. THEY WERE NOT HOWEVER INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR A TOLL ROAD FROM YAOUNDE TO DOUALA, OR IN THE TIMBER EVACUATION ROUTE FROM KRIBI TO YAKADOUMA. CONCERNING RURAL DEVELOPMENT, THEY WERE LOOKING FOR LARGE INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS AND WERE CONSIDERING FOUR OR FIVE PROPOSALS. THE CANADIANS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING A PROGRAM WHEREBY THEY WILL LEND MONEY TO THE CAMEROONIAN GOVERNMENT WHO WILL IN TURN LEND IT TO FONADER OR OTHER AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PARASTATAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE ORGANIZATION WILL THEN LEND THE MONEY TO FARMERS AT TWO PERCENT INTEREST. INTEREST EARNED COULD BE USED TO DEFRAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOCAL CURRENCY COSTS OF CANADIAN AID PROJECTS OR POOLED FOR RELENDING.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE \$9 MILLION TO HELP THE ARTISAN FISHING INDUSTRY, THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED EQUIPMENT (NETS, 2,000 MERCURY OUTBOARDS MADE IN CANADA, ETC.) STORAGE AND MARKETING TECHNIQUES. THIS PROJECT IS OF SOME INTEREST AS THE ARTISAN FISHING INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY IN THE RIO DEL REY AND WOURI ESTUARY HAS BEEN ALMOST A NIGERIAN MONOPOLY AND THE GURC MAY BE USING CANADIAN AID TO HELP TRAIN CAMEROONIAN FISHERMAN TO REPLACE NIGERIANS. MITHOEFER

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